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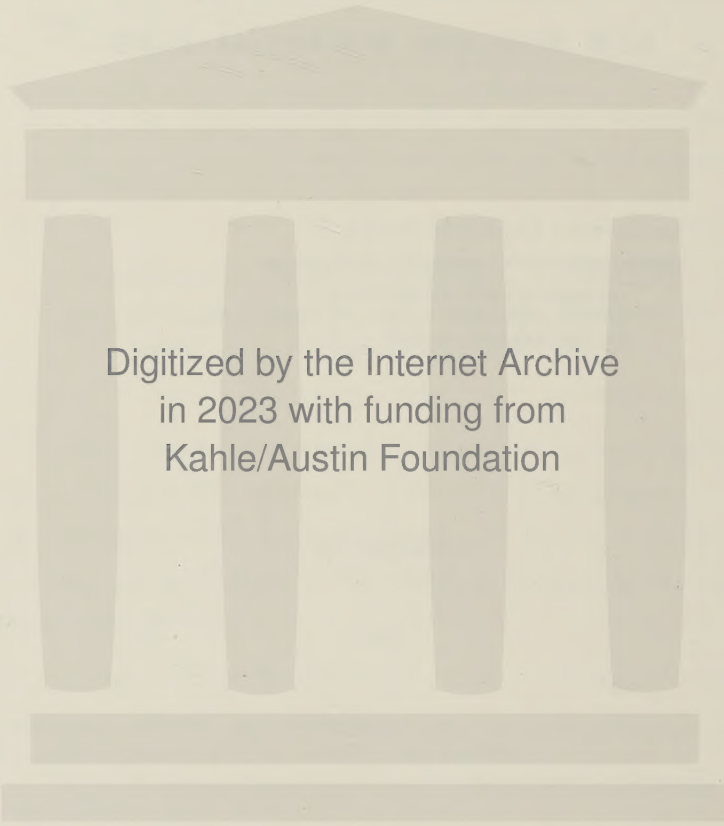
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THE NAME OF THE WILD DILLY OF FLORIDA

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In recent studies, Gilly (*Trop. Woods* **73**: 1-22. 1943) and Cronquist (*Bull. Torrey Bot. Club* **72**: 550-552. 1945) have confirmed the earlier conclusion of Nuttall and Baker that the wild dilly (family *Sapotaceae*) of southern Florida and the Bahama Islands is congeneric with the sapodilla, *Achras Zapota* L., but both have adopted *Manilkara* Adans. for the generic name. For the wild dilly Sargent (*Man. Trees* No. Amer. Ed. **2**, 819. 1922) used *Mimusops emarginata* (L.) Britton, and Sudworth (*Check List Forest Trees U. S.* **221**. 1927) had *Mimusops parvifolia* (Nutt.) Radlk. A check of the nomenclature for the forthcoming Forest Service "Check List of the Native and Naturalized Trees of the United States, including Alaska" reveals that a new combination is needed under either *Achras* or *Manilkara*. After an evaluation of these generic names, a new combination for the wild dilly is proposed here in *Achras*.

Contemporary specialists in the *Sapotaceae* have restricted *Mimusops* L. (Sp. Pl. 349. 1753; Gen. Pl. Ed. 5, 165. 1754) to Asiatic species and have transferred the tropical American species of this genus, as well as others from Africa, Asia, and Oceanica, to the segregate genus *Manilkara* Adans. (Fam. Pl. **2**: 166. 1763). The latter was revived by Dubard (*Notul. Syst.* **3**: 45-46. 1914; *Marseille Mus. Colon. Ann.*, sér. 3, **3**: 1-62. 1915), who proposed the first binomials in it. Other monographers adopting *Manilkara* include: Lecomte (*Notul. Syst.* **3**: 336-345. 1918), Lam (*Bul. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg*, sér. 3, **7**: 1-289. 1925), and Baehni (*Candollea* **7**: 394-508. 1938).

For the sapodilla most recent authors have adopted *Achras Zapota* L. (Sp. Pl. 1190. 1753), though *Sapota Achras* Mill. (Gard. Dict. Ed. 8, *Sapota* No. 1. 1768) is used by a few, including Bailey and Bailey (Hortus Second 658. 1941). Cook (Contrib. U. S. Natl. Herb. 16: 277-285, illus. 1913), Pittier (Contrib. U. S. Natl. Herb. 18: 76-86, illus. 1914), Gilly, and others have discussed the controversial nomenclature. Gilly showed that *Achras* L. and *Manilkara* Adans. are connected by transitional forms and should be united. However, he adopted *Manilkara* Adans. for the combined genus, made the new combination *Manilkara Zapodilla* (Jacq.) Gilly for the sapodilla, and proposed *M. bahamensis* for the wild dilly. Some additional remarks may be in order.

Achras L. (Sp. Pl. 1190. 1753; Gen. Pl. Ed. 5, 497. 1754) is associated with the reference to Plumier (Nov. Pl. Amer. Gen. 43, pl. 4. 1703), as the genus was based upon Plumier's description and plate (Internat. Rules, Ed. 3, Art. 20, 42). Because Plumier's description was incomplete and did not mention the number of stamens, Linnaeus was unable to classify the genus in his sexual system. In the first five editions of the *Genera Plantarum* (1737 to 1754), Linnaeus placed this genus in the Appendix, and in the first four of these under "Fragmenta Plumieri". Plumier's figure, which Cook reproduced, contained a seed of sapodilla and fruits generally regarded as sapodilla, but the flower appeared to be different.

The next name, *Sapota* Mill. (Gard. Dict. Abridged. Ed. 4, v. 3. 1754), had a reference to Plumier but none to *Achras* L. and is considered a synonym, though Miller described the sapote instead. Miller first included *Sapota* in a supplementary volume of the *Gardeners Dictionary* published in 1739. Beginning with the 1759 edition (Miller, Gard. Dict. Ed. 7. 1759), the first cited by Gilly, *Achras* L. appeared as a synonym. In a somewhat later, posthumous edition (Miller, Gard. Bot. Dict. 1807), *Achras* L. finally was adopted.

After 1753 *Achras* was first accepted by Patrick Browne (Civ. Nat. Hist. Jamaica 200-201, pl. 19, fig. 3. 1756), who had eight species but no generic description nor binomial nomenclature. Loeffling (Iter Hispan. 186. 1758) emended Plumier's description of the sapodilla under the name *Achras* without binomial

nomenclature. With Loeffling's corrected description on the sapodilla, Linnaeus (Syst. Nat. Ed. 10, 2: 988, 1381. 1759) now published "*ACHRAS emendatione Loefflingii*" and placed the genus in the Hexandria Monogynia, now that the number of stamens was known. This emended generic description in almost the same form appeared in the next edition of the *Genera Plantarum* (Ed. 6, 173. 1764). Most subsequent authors have accepted *Achras* L. as emended.

Similarly, *Achras Zapota* L. (Sp. Pl. 1190. 1753), published in the appendix as the only species of the genus dating from 1753, has been adopted for the sapodilla by most later authors. Though most of the pre-Linnaean synonyms cited referred to the sapote, *Calocarpum Sapota* (Jacq.) Merr., Linnaeus afterwards emended the descriptions so that *Achras Zapota* L. (Syst. Nat. Ed. 10, 2: 988. 1759) and *A. Sapota* L. (Sp. Pl. Ed. 2, 470. 1762), a variant spelling, characterized the sapodilla and *A. mammosa* L. (Sp. Pl. Ed. 2, 469. 1762) the sapote.

The Linnaean Herbarium contains two specimens labeled *Achras Sapota*, according to Savage (Catal. Linn. Herb. 64. 1945). However, Jackson (Index Linn. Herb. 1912) indicated that this species was represented in the herbarium in the enumeration in 1767 but not in 1753 and 1755. Examination of the photographs of the Linnaean Herbarium in the Arnold Arboretum confirms that one specimen is the sapodilla, but the other is an unrelated plant, of which the specific epithet had been deleted afterwards by James E. Smith. Though Linnaeus did not have the modern concept of types, the specimen in the Linnaean Herbarium, which may be regarded as representative and as the type of both genus and species, agrees with present usage of the name. In the International Rules, *Achras Zapota*, the single species published in 1753, is listed as the standard species of the genus.

Linnaean names of 1753–1754 must not be rejected without sufficient cause, as they represent the foundation of nomenclature and have priority over all other names. Svenson (*RHODORA* 47: 273–302, 363–388, illus. 1945), Fernald (*Jour. Arnold Arboretum* 27: 386–394, illus. 1946), and others have noted that many Linnaean species consist of more than one species under present usage and have advocated retention under established custom (Art. 5) of Linnaean names based in part on the element

long accepted as typical. Where Linnaean genera and species represented broader concepts than at present and were composite groups, the original names must be retained for appropriate segregate elements (Art. 51, 52).

Achras L. and *Achras Zapota* L., names for the sapodilla, should not be cast aside merely because the earlier reference by Plumier contained incorrect description and drawings and because the synonyms cited under the species referred mostly to the sapote. *Achras* L., as emended by Loeffling and Linnaeus himself, should be retained under Article 50, which states that an alteration of the diagnostic characters of a group does not warrant a change in its name. Gilly's proposals that *Achras* L. (1753) be rejected as a *nomen ambiguum et confusum* (Art. 62, 64) and that *Achras* L. emend. Loebl. (1758) be rejected as a later homonym (Art. 61) seem unnecessary.

If future usage is not uniform, then the problem can be settled easily by making *Achras* L. emend. Loebl. (1758 or 1759) a *nomen conservandum*. Under Article 21 *Achras* L. clearly is eligible for conservation as a name that has come into general use in the fifty years following its publication in 1753 and in important works up to 1890. The first binomial in *Manilkara* Adans. was published in 1914, only 33 years ago and 161 years after *Achras Zapota* L. The forty or more species of *Manilkara*, nearly all transferred from *Mimusops*, can easily be transferred to the older and familiar genus without confusion.

Accordingly, a new combination in *Achras* is proposed below for the wild dilly. Its basonym, incidentally, is one of the two original species of *Sloanea* L. (Sp. Pl. 512. 1753; Gen. Pl. Ed. 5, 288. 1754). This Linnaean genus of *Elaeocarpaceae* cannot be rejected in spite of the fact that one of the two species placed in it by its author is now in the *Sapotaceae*.

ACHRAS emarginata (L.) Little, comb. nov. *Sloanea emarginata* L., Sp. Pl. 512. 1753. *Sapota achras* γ. *depressa* A. DC. in DC., Prodr. 8: 174. 1844. *Achras zapotilla* β *parvifolia* Nutt., No. Amer. Sylva 3: 28, pl. 90. 1849. *Mimusops Sieberi* [A. DC., sensu] Chapm., Fl. So. U. S. 275. 1860; A. Gray, Syn. Fl. No. Amer. 2 (1): 69. 1878; Sargent, Silva No. Amer. 5: 183, pl. 251. 1893. Non *Mimusops Sieberi* A. DC. in DC., Prodr. 8: 204. 1844. *Achras Zapotilla* var. *parviflora* Nutt. ex A. Gray, Syn. Fl. No. Amer. 2 (1): 69. 1878; pro synonym. (error for "*parvifolia*").

Mimusops parviflora Radlk., Sitzber. Bayer. Akad. der Wiss., Math.-Phys. Kl. **12**: 344. 1882. *Achras bahamensis* Baker in Hook., Icon. Pl. **18**: pl. 1795. 1888. *Mimusops floridana* Engl., Engl. Bot. Jahrb. **12**: 524. 1890. *Mimusops parvifolia* Radlk. ex Pierre, Not. Bot. Sapot. **37**. 1891; Pierre & Urban, Symb. Antill. **5**: 171. 1904; Britton & Shafer, No. Amer. Trees 782, fig. 714. 1908. Non *Mimusops parvifolia* R. Br., Prodr. Fl. Nov. Holl. **1**: 531. 1810. Non *Mimusops parvifolia* Kurz, Forest Fl. Brit. Burma **2**: 124. 1877. *Mimusops bahamensis* (Baker) Pierre, Not. Bot. Sapot. **37**. 1891. *Mimusops depressa* (A. DC.) Pierre, Not. Bot. Sapot. **37**. 1891. *Mimusops emarginata* (L.) Britton, Torrey **11**: 129. 1911. *Manilkara parvifolia* (Nutt.) Dubard, Ann. Mus. Col. Marseille, sér. 3, **3**: 16. 1915 [1916?]. Non *Manilkara parvifolia* (Kurz) H. J. Lam, Bul. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, sér. 3, **7**: 269. 1925. *Manilkara emarginata* (L.) Britton & Wils., Sci. Surv. Porto Rico **6**: 366. 1926. Non *Manilkara emarginata* H. J. Lam, Bul. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, sér. 3, **7**: 241. 1925. *Manilkara bahamensis* (Baker) Lam & Meeuse, Blumea **4**: 351, 354. 1941; Gilly, RHODORA **48**: 164. 1946. *Manilkara emarginata* (L.) Britton & Wils. subsp. *typica* Cronq., Bull. Torrey Bot. Club **72**: 557. 1945. *Manilkara jaimiqui* (Wright) Dubard subsp. *emarginata* (L.) Cronq., Bull. Torrey Bot. Club **73**: 467. 1946.

The wild dilly has an involved nomenclature, as revealed by the detailed synonymy above. It was discovered in the Bahamas by Catesby who published a description with colored plate (Nat. Hist. Carol. Baham. **2**: 87, pl. 87. 1733). *Sloanea emarginata* L. was based upon Catesby's citation and is not represented in the Linnaean Herbarium. Apparently the name was overlooked until 1911, when it was transferred as *Mimusops emarginata* (L.) Britton. Previously, the wild dilly had been included in the West Indian species, *Mimusops Sieberi* A. DC., or designated as *Mimusops parvifolia* Radlk.

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PENSTEMON GRACILIS Nutt., var. **wisconsinensis** (Pennell), n. comb. *P. wisconsinensis* Pennell, Mon. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. i. 234 (1935). *P. gracilis* [subsp.] *wisconsinensis* Pennell, l. c. 632.

This name has been used in the Spring Flora of Wisconsin, 1938 and 1947, but without proper validating synonymy.—N. C. FASSETT, University of Wisconsin.

THE VARIETIES OF *SOLIDAGO ULIGINOSA*

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Since it is now evident that the type of *Solidago uliginosa* Nutt. (1834) is identifiable with that of *S. neglecta* Torr. & Gray (1842)—see Cronquist in RHODORA, xlix. 72 (1947)—it becomes necessary to find a name for the northern, often calcicolous species which, following Gray in the Synoptical Flora, has been erroneously passing as *S. uliginosa*. This species is *S. humilis* Pursh (1814), photograph of TYPE before me, not *S. humilius* (corrected *lapsus* for *S. humilis*) Mill. (1768). Apparently its first available name is *S. chrysolepis* Fernald in Ottawa Nat. xix. 168 (1905). The latter, *S. chrysolepis*, is a boreal species of calcareous to mediacid rocky or gravelly soils or marshes¹, occurring from near lat. 60° in northern Labrador to Manitoba, south to Newfoundland, Cape Breton, New Brunswick, northern and western New England, northwestern New Jersey ("Marl bog", Warren County; etc.), northeastern Pennsylvania, central and western New York ("Boggy calcareous meadows"—Wiegand & Eames, Fl. Cayuga L. Basin, 400), mountains of West Virginia (very local: at 2500 ft., east of Gorman, *Svenson*, no. 4449), Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Its fleshy-coriaceous basal leaves are usually entire or merely undulate to crenate (only exceptionally serrate); its inflorescence an elongate thyrses 0.3–4.5 dm. long, with appressed erect cylindric (not secund) branches; heads on pedicels becoming 1–2 cm. long; involucre 4–6 mm. high; disk-florets 9–15.

On the other hand, true *S. uliginosa* (*S. neglecta* Torr. & Gray; *S. unilugulata* (DC.) Porter) is most often an extreme oxyphyte (only one variety definitely calcicolous), occurring in acid bogs and peats as a series of geographic varieties from Delaware and Maryland, very rarely in the upland south to North Carolina,

¹ The following memoranda by the collectors, taken from labels of *Solidago chrysolepis*, are to the point, omitting those from the Straits coast of Newfoundland, Anticosti and Mingan Islands, lower levels of Gaspé, the shores and islands of Lake Mistassini, the foot of James Bay and other exclusively or mostly limestone regions where the species abounds: talus of limestone cliff; rocky limestone barren; sur les tables de calcaire dolomitique des rivages; Arbor-Vitae swamp (usually marly); lime heath; marl bog; and, of course many from "bogs", "sphagnum bogs", etc., for the species tolerates some acidity. Search of field-labels of *S. uliginosa* will reveal few, if any, indicating calcareous soils, and no specimens whatever from the northerly calcareous areas noted above.

northward to central Newfoundland, the Magdalen Islands, southern New Brunswick, central Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, southeastern Ontario, Ohio (very local), Michigan and Wisconsin. Its thinnish, radical leaves are usually serrate and not fleshy; the inflorescence is a panicle made up of secund branches; the pedicels are very rarely up to 1 cm. long; the involucre is 3–5 mm. high; disk-florets 4–8. For the most part occupying very different areas, the two species meet at the borders of their ranges and there they often cross, just as do most other species of the genus when they commingle: the very distinct *S. caesia* crossing with such wholly different species as *S. flexicaulis*, *bicolor*, *rugosa* and *canadensis*; but the most striking case is *S. asperula* Desf., an almost inevitable hybrid wherever the ubiquitous *S. rugosa* of fresh soils closely approaches *S. sempervirens* of the salt-marshes and seashore. In brief, although the boreal *S. chrysolepis* will cross with the more austral *S. unilugulata*, the two species are, in the main, completely distinct.

Returning to the geographic varieties of *Solidago uliginosa*, I recognize the following:

- a. Relatively stout, 0.6–1.5 m. high; cauline leaves 20–40, the upper ones oblong-lanceolate, the lower ones ovate-lanceolate to -oblong and 3–8 cm. broad; panicle elongate-pyramidal to ellipsoid, 1–4.5 dm. long and 0.3–2.5 dm. thick
.....*S. uliginosa*, var. *uliginosa*.
- a. Slender, 2–9 dm. high; cauline leaves 5–20 (rarely –30), linear to lanceolate, the lower ones narrowly lanceolate to oblanceolate and 0.7–3 cm. broad . . . b.
- b. Panicle elongate-pyramidal to cylindric-ellipsoid, commonly 1-sided, 0.2–2.5 dm. long, 1–10 cm. thick.
Branches of panicle and pedicels conspicuously hirtellous; plants of acid bogs and swamps. Var. *linoides*.
Branches of panicle and pedicels glabrous or glabrate and glutinous; chiefly of marly bogs and swamps. Var. *levipes*.
- b. Panicles corymbiform to rhomboid or broadly pyramidal, 2.5–15 cm. broad, usually dense. Var. *terrae-novae*.

S. ULIGINOSA Nutt., var. *ULIGINOSA* (Nutt.) Cronquist in RHODORA, xlix. 73 (1947). *S. uliginosa* Nutt. in Journ. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad. vii. 101 (1834). *S. neglecta* Torr. & Gray, Fl. N. Am. ii. 213 (1842); Gray, Syn. Fl. N. Am. i². 154 (1884). *S. unilugulata* (DC.) Porter, var. *neglecta* (Torr. & Gray) Fernald in RHODORA, xxiii. 292 (1922).—Acid swamps, meadows and moist to dryish thickets, Delaware and Maryland and upland of North Carolina (rare), north to Nova Scotia, southeastern and southern Maine, southern New Hampshire, southern Vermont, New York, Ohio, Lambton County, Ontario, southern Michigan and southern Wisconsin. Late July—early October.

The hybrid of *S. chrysolepis* and *S. uliginosa*, var. *uliginosa* (*S. neglecta*) is

× *S. Farwellii*, nom. nov. *S. neglecta*, var. *simulans* Farwell in Papers Mich. Acad. Sci. i. 100 (1923), not *S. simulans* Fernald in RHODORA, xxxviii. 305, plate 419, figs. 1-5 (1936).

Var. *linoides* (Torr. & Gray), comb. nov. ? *Bigelovia uniligulata* DC. Prodr. v. 329 (1836). *Chrysocoma uniligulata* (DC.) Nutt. in Trans. Am. Phil. Soc. n. s. vii. 325 (1840). *S. linoides* Torr. & Gray, Fl. N. Am. ii. 216 (1842) as to plant described from New Jersey and Massachusetts, not as to Solander specimen cited, Torrey & Gray also citing under *S. linoides* "Solidago uliginosa, partly, Nutt.!" *S. neglecta* Torr. & Gray, var. *linoides* (Torr. & Gray) Gray, Syn. Fl. N. Am. i². 154 (1884), Gray again noting it as "*S. uliginosa*, Nutt. . . ., in part, but not of his own herb. nor descr." *S. neglecta*, var. *uniligulata* (DC.) BSP. Prelim. Cat. N. Y. Pl. 26 (1888). *S. uniligulata* (DC.) Porter in Mem. Torr. Bot. Cl. v. 320 (1894). *S. humilis* Pursh, var. *peracuta* Fernald in RHODORA, xvii. 6 (1915). *S. uliginosa*, var. *peracuta* (Fernald) Friesner in Butl. Univ. Bot. Studies, iii. no. 1: 55 (1933).—Acid bogs and peats, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania, north to Exploits and Humber Valleys, Newfoundland, Magdalen Islands, southern New Brunswick, central Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, southern Ontario and southern Michigan. Type from Wading River, New Jersey, September, 1833, *Asa Gray* in Gray Herb.

Although Torrey & Gray, Gray (through five editions of the Manual), Porter, House and others, who really knew the two extremes, considered *S. uniligulata* or *S. linoides* a distinct species, altogether too many transitions occur between it and typical *S. uliginosa* in the southern half of their ranges. From Newfoundland to central Maine, where typical *S. uliginosa* is not found, there is no such trouble, but southward the sorting sometimes becomes a bit artificial. The type and only collection of *S. humilis*, var. *peracuta* is a very young specimen but its thin and serrate lower leaves are those of *S. uliginosa*, var. *linoides* (although in the young plant the cauline ones are still overlapping), the inflorescence is too young for definite pronouncement, but its short and very hispid pedicels and branches and the involucre are those of *S. uliginosa*, var. *linoides*.

Var. *levipes* (Fernald), comb. nov. *S. uniligulata*, var. *levipes* Fernald in RHODORA, xvii. 7 (1915). Marly bogs, swamps and shores, New York and southern Ontario.

House, Annot. List N. Y. State, 691 (1924), states that var. *levipes* "seems to include nearly all of the inland specimens of this species." Wiegand & Eames, Fl. Cayuga Lake Basin, 400 (1926) cite *S. uniligulata* (in their area the var. *levipes*) as "usually in marly soil." The plants have the narrow and serrate leaves as in *S. uliginosa*, var. *linoides* but the inflorescence is essentially glabrous as in *S. chrysolepis*. It may, when carefully checked, prove to be a persistent hybrid of the two.

Var. **terrae-novae** (Torr. & Gray), comb. nov. *S. Terrae-Novae* Torr. & Gray, Fl. N. Am. ii. 206 (1842); Gray, Syn. Fl. N. Am. i². 154 (1884). *S. uniligulata*, var. *terrae-novae* (Torr. & Gray) Fernald in RHODORA, xxiii. 292 (1922).—Peaty barrens, tundra, acid rock and damp thickets, southernmost Newfoundland, north to Trinity Bay and Bay St. George; Magdalen Islands; Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to southern New Hampshire.

Although in its most typical development var. *terrae-novae* is very pronounced, it passes into var. *linoides*; and, although treating it as a distinct species, Asa Gray, in preparing the Synoptical Flora, marked the type of *S. terrae-novae* from *La Pylaie* as a variety of *S. neglecta* and then crossed out the new identification. Many later collections show that his impulse was the right one. The variety has the slender habit and reduction of leaves of var. *linoides*, but a broad panicle suggesting most extreme inflorescences of var. *uliginosa*.

THE GENUS CREPIS.—Among large plant genera, *Crepis* is almost unique for the amount of genetic, cytological, and taxonomic study it has received, principally at the hands of Babcock and his associates. One hundred and thirteen of its 196 species have been cultivated and investigated cytologically and 55 of them have been employed in interspecific hybridization. The genus was originally selected as suitable for genetic experiment because of the low chromosome number of some of its species. It was soon discovered that taxonomic revision was necessary before new experimental evidence could be satisfactorily correlated, and Babcock was thus led to become a practising taxonomist. How ably he has played this role will be clear to any reader of the present publication.¹

Since taxonomy is or should be one of the major synthesizing phases of biology, it is fitting that the phylogenetic conclusions from the author's three decades of study of the genus should be expressed in taxonomic form. This is truly a "biosystematic" treatment inasmuch as evidence from hybridization,

¹ BABCOCK, ERNEST BROWN. The Genus *Crepis*. Univ. Calif. Publ. Bot. vol. 21, pp. xii + 1-198, frontispiece, plate 1, figures 1-11, tables 1-12. 1947; vol. 22, pp. x + 199-1030, plates 2-36, figures 12-305, tables 13-19. 1947. Part I, paper, \$3.50 cloth \$4.00; part II, paper \$10.00, cloth \$12.00; both parts, paper \$13.50, cloth \$15.00.

chromosome pairing, and chromosome number and morphology has weighed heavily in preparation of the resultant classification. Taxonomists who have learned to look with a somewhat wary eye at products of the "newer taxonomy" will be relieved to learn that the systematic treatment "rests primarily on comparative morphology." Further, the author warns that in his opinion "crossability alone is of dubious value as an index to relationship," and that "the phylogenetic significance of chromosome number, size, and shape can be interpreted only in relation to or with aid of other criteria."

Physically, the paper consists of two volumes. The first contains a synopsis of the investigations of *Crepis* together with their taxonomically significant results, a discussion of the taxonomic concepts employed, an evaluation of the criteria—morphological, cytological, and genetic—regarded as important in indicating evolutionary relationship, and a carefully reasoned and plausibly argued reconstruction of the origin and development of the genus. The second volume is a handsomely illustrated systematic treatment with abundant distribution maps, full keys and descriptions, citations of more than 5,000 specimens in 85 herbaria, a list of exsiccatae, and photographs of types and other critical specimens. For each species is provided a beautifully prepared series of outline drawings showing habit, structural details of various organs, and, wherever possible, an ideograph of the somatic chromosomes. In place of the classical tri-sectional division of the genus, 27 more natural sections are recognized. Because taxonomic accounts are notoriously unexciting, most readers will probably glance at the second volume of "*Crepis*" with awed admiration, and then turn hastily to the more nearly narrative first part. They should not forget, however, that the supporting data are housed in volume II.

The work is notable for the generous acknowledgment of the assistance given by numerous contributors. Both volumes are dedicated to the late Harvey Monroe Hall, whose contagious championing of the "phylogenetic viewpoint" is credited with inspiring the genetic and cytogenetic attack on *Crepis*. An interesting contrast is provided by comparing the present monograph with Hall & Clements' "The Phylogenetic Method in Taxonomy"² Objectives of the two papers are ostensibly the same, but this one has profited by thirty years of careful investigation and the author's modesty, and is replete with the factual documentation so conspicuously lacking in its predecessor.

The reconstruction of the behavior of *Crepis* in time and space is impressive. Species with five or six pairs of chromosomes are more primitive than those with three or four. The bulk of the American species, with 11 pairs, are believed to have originated as a consequence of the crossing of Eurasian species with lower numbers; polyploidy and apomixis have been superimposed upon the original hybridizations. It is concluded that *Crepis*, a truly monophyletic genus, arose in the Altai-Tien Shan area of Central Asia by late Oligocene time, and spread outward along four major migrations routes. The well established Beringian is the only land-bridge postulated, and the theory of continental drift is not utilized. Speciation is thought to have occurred primarily as a result of gene mutations and alterations in chromosomal structure, with genetic or other isolating mechanisms permitting the development of new entities. Hybridization, polyploidy, and apomixis are assigned a subordinate evolutionary role. The careful selection of corroborative evidence from historical geology, paleobotany, and other fields and the scholarly imbrication of authority upon authority is a masterpiece of logical reasoning. It is to be hoped, however, that other monographers will not too hastily conclude that the history of the groups which interest them parallels that of *Crepis*, without taking into consideration the wealth of data which has gone into the formulation of the present picture. These data may be valid only for *Crepis*.

This work will take an honorable place among the first rank of taxonomic monographs. Because its approach to systematics is so broadly based, it

² Carnegie Institution of Washington Publication No. 326.

challenges taxonomists to search beyond their classical techniques for additional phylogenetic evidence. Taxonomy as a whole has profited greatly by Professor Babcock's labors. He has demonstrated simultaneously how much cytology and genetics have to offer to systematics, and the manner in which data from these fields can be made wholly palatable to taxonomists.—LINCOLN CONSTANCE.

CREPIS NANA NOT YET KNOWN FROM GASPÉ.—In Babcock's great study of *The Genus Crepis*, pt. ii. 542—Univ. Calif. Pub. Bot. xx. (1947) an eastern botanist reads with keen interest the statement that this tiny species with discontinuous range grows in Gaspé: "**Quebec:** Gaspé Pen. *fide* Fernald (Mem. Gray Herb. Harv. Univ. 2: 252, 1925)". The present writer, surprised by the statement, checked the reference which occurs in the paragraph quoted below:

Another region with which the Shickshocks and the Long Range occasionally share otherwise endemic species or isolated colonies of western plants is the Torngat Mountain area of northern Labrador. Thus, *Arenaria cylindrocarpa* Fernald (map 13) occurs on the Long Range, the Shickshocks, the Torngats and, more than 2000 miles (3200 km.) away, on the Rocky Mountains of Alberta. The plants of the Torngats, furthermore, show their own distinctive identities with cordilleran types. Thus, the sedge, *Carex filifolia* Nutt., is very characteristic of high plains and dry ridges from Yukon to Oregon, New Mexico and Saskatchewan but in the East it is unknown except upon the Torngats. Again, the little composite, *Crepis nana* Richardson (map 14), although originally described from an extreme northern station, at the head of Coppermine River (north of Great Slave Lake) and now known north of the Arctic Circle, is more generally known on the high mountains of the Cascade-Sierra Nevada axis to southern California and along the Rocky Mountains to Colorado. Eastward its only known stations are on the Torngats.

Map 14, on p. 253, shows a dot for the Torngats but none in the East south of there, although subsequently *Crepis nana* has been found near the Straits of Belle Isle in northern Newfoundland. It seems important to call attention to the error of citing the species from the Gaspé Peninsula, since such published statements, especially by famously cautious students, are rarely checked. Now *Crepis nana* must be found on limestone barrens of Gaspé!—M. L. FERNALD.

A WHITE-FLOWERED DESMODIUM FROM VIRGINIA.—In Shenandoah County, Virginia about one mile south of Elizabeth Furnace Forest Camp a white-flowered *Desmodium* has been blooming, in

season, for over six years. This *Desmodium* resembles most *Desmodium nudiflorum* (L.) DC. Its habitat, dry woods, is similar and, in this particular spot, the two grow side by side. The leaves are clustered at the top of a sterile stem, the flowers are borne on an ascending, leafless stalk about 60 cm. or less in height. The bracts are inconspicuous and deciduous. In contrast with *D. nudiflorum*, the flowers, as previously mentioned, are white, *D. nudiflorum*, f. *Dudleyi* (House) Fassett. Instead of the deeper purple color found at the base of the standard petal in *D. nudiflorum*, this white-flowered one has the base of the standard petal marked with deep green.—LENA ARTZ, Waterlick, Virginia.

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